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HPRB Denies CHW Approval—Again

At a second full hearing on the project planned for the Columbia Hospital for Women site, the Historic Preservation Review Board again declined to approve it. The Board earlier requested that the project be scaled down, and in response the developer, Trammell Crow, submitted plans decreasing the project by 10%. Included in the most recent plans was the removal of mechanical equipment from the top of the building to below the building even though a substantial rock formation will increase the cost. The HPRB, however, was not satisfied and asked for more “room for the original hospital building to breathe” and the possible removal of the top two stories on both wings, which they contend “overwhelm” the historic structure.

Both the developers and FB/WE residents were disappointed with the decision. Substantial decreases in the project’s size, especially the elimination of four floors, will jeopardize its financial feasibility, according to Jeffrey Sherman of Trammell Crow. Tom Bower, President of the Foggy Bottom Historic District Conservancy and an avid preservationist, also disagreed with the Board’s decision.

In an article in the March West End Guide, FBA President Ron Cocome stated that indications are that the HPRB is using this case “as a test to increase [its] authority.” He also reported that the HPRB Chairman “actually admonished the developer for having too much concern for the community rather than for his staff.” The “community,” the FBA, ANC, and many individual residents, are “positively united behind a development” of condominiums and planned neighborhood-serving retailers such as a grocery store.

Discussions continue between the developer and residents with various city officials. Another hearing is scheduled in April.

Mayor’s Staff Executive at FBA Meeting

The March 31 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association will present Ronald R. Collins, Director of the Office of Boards and Commissions in the Executive Office of the Mayor. In this post he is responsible for the process of filling vacancies on the city’s numerous and wide-ranging advisory and decision-making groups, many of which are volunteer positions. Included

among these groups are ones impacting Foggy Bottom such as the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Historic Preservation Review Board. Others are involved with a range of issues from alcoholic beverages to taxicabs to lotteries and to statehood, almost ad infinitum.

Collins, a native Washingtonian, has held this post

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Update

Judges Decline GWU Appeal

George Washington University has appealed the recent decision in the U. S. Court of Appeals which upheld the BZA Campus Plan. That decision, rendered by a three-judge panel, was brought before the full court of nine justices which declined to rehear the case.

In the meantime the University claims to be making efforts to comply with the ruling which requires them to house 5600 undergraduates within the campus or outside of Foggy Bottom. According to stories in the GW Hatchet, major changes in room assignments are being made in order to house freshmen and sophomores within the campus, and move juniors

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MPD Preparedness Booklet at FBA Meeting

A new “Family Preparedness” booklet, prepared by the Metropolitan Police Department, will be available at the March meeting of the FBA on March 31. Lt. David Hutchinson of PSA 207 will be at the meeting to answer questions about the compact and easily-read instruction book. It covers various emergencies, including power outages, floods, storms, and tornadoes, as well as other dangers.

Health & Wellness Access Denied

The D.C. Zoning Commission, on Monday, March 10, denied the application of George Washington University to expand the access to and hours of its Health & Wellness Center.

The University had also argued that the permission be granted based on “substantial compliance” with the Campus Plan. Commission Chair Carol Mitten commented, however, that providing 4534 beds when 5600 are required did not appear to reach an acceptable standard of compliance.

The denial was based on the conclusion of the Commission that it constituted a “special exception” which did not include housing; under the Campus Plan order, a special exception cannot be granted until the University houses 70% of its undergraduates within the campus boundaries.

GWU had requested that the Center be allowed to remain open until 1:00 a.m. Sunday-Friday, and to allow users other than students, staff and faculty of the Foggy Bottom campus to join. GW, in its filing last June, asked that the following be

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MPD Officers Visit Residents

MPD’s Second District Commander, Jeffrey Moore, has ordered his officers to spend one hour per shift (day and evening) personally visiting the residents in their PSAs. Foggy Bottom and West End are divided into two PSAs: 207 west of 22nd Street to the river and Rock Creek,

and 208 to the east, to 19th Street. The northern boundary is N Street and on the south is Constitution Avenue.

This follows a directive from the Chief of Police to upgrade contacts by MPD officers with the citizens they “serve and protect.” Absent emergencies, the officers are to

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker:

Ronald R. Collins

Director, Office of Boards & Commissions
Executive Office of the Mayor

Monday, March 31, 2003

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, April 28, 2003)

Letters

No West Wing at NGA

Bob Anthony, please note that it's the White House that has a West Wing. The National Gallery of Art has two buildings: West (original one) and the I.M. Pei structure, the East Building. Being separate entities, they don't qualify as wings on existing buildings. Thanks!

Helen Galen
Columbia Plaza

Columbia Hospital Needs Good Retail Design

In the battle over the design of the Columbia Hospital project, it seems that one significant component which we desperately need is being poorly planned—neighborhood retail.

I am a resident of the Westbridge, a commercial real estate broker (specializing in retail with Transwestern Commercial Services), and have extensive experience with leasing in the West End. I have spoken with the

developer, citizens' groups, the planning office and the Historic Preservation Review Board. The concern is that the project will become a sterile monument to the past, as opposed to an invigorating sign of the future. . . .

The current design proposal is to literally bury the retail behind two grassy berms on L Street, placing it only on 24th and 25th Streets, thereby limiting their store fronts, their appeal to marketers and ultimately their sales. Good neighborhood retailers prefer corner sites with big storefronts as do fashion stores. But make no mistake; neighborhood retail is the undisputed goal, from groceries and bakeries to hardware and book stores.

Throughout the West End, we have poorly thought-out retail spaces, and look what we have to show for it—almost nothing: a couple of mom-and-pop markets, dry cleaners, offices and copy shops. Without quality space (i.e. corner spaces with good store fronts), we may end up with more of the same.

Many have noticed the West End's lack of neighborhood planning. The District of Columbia Building and Industry Association's Retail Committee recently drafted a letter to D.C.'s planning office on that subject. At a recent meeting all of the "experts" considered it a mistake to "bury" the retail and felt strongly it should have prominent corner space with L Street frontage. . . .

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Becker Beat**Color Me KenCen Impressed**

Early in March, the Kennedy Center invited the FBNews to a press conference announcing its plans for the coming season. It was a well-attended and impressive happening.

Several thoughts remained with me after the session. The first was the excellent planning for the event, evidenced by handsome visuals, a press kit of almost 150 pages with bios of the major (and many minor) participants in the 2003-2004 season, full schedules of the entire season's offerings, and extensive lists of the works to be presented. As a writer I also applauded the remarks of KenCen President Michael Kaiser, more than literate (as would be expected) and

timed to the minute. It is not an easy task to cover—and cover well—a lot of material in a short time.

A second thought from a person who rarely knows the schedule for the next month: the plans presented run through June 2004, and must involve thousands and thousands of people. [Among the major programs is one celebrating the culture of France, which at this moment in time (Iraq and the U.N.) seems untimely.] In addition to the expected symphony, dance, drama, chamber music, films, etc., there will be a Sing-Along Wizard of Oz (and please come dressed in costume), fiddlers, dancing on the Terrace, and a whole host of performances by college musicians. Mind-boggling to the observer but just another annual event for the big white building on the river.

**George B. Higgins**

George B. Higgins, a resident of I Street since 1969, died March 17 at the age of 82. He had been ill for several years with a Parkinson-like disease, and died of a related heart ailment. He is survived by his wife, Anne Volz Higgins, his son Gary and two grandsons.

A native of Philadelphia, he graduated from Penn State University and did graduate studies in social work at William and Mary.

During World War II he was a Navy pilot, serving on the Yorktown. Following his Navy service, he worked for the FBI for 21 years, and after retirement did special assignments at the Department of Agriculture and the Agency for International Development.

A longtime member of St. Stephen Martyr Church, Higgins and his wife were active in the pro-life movement. He is a founder of the Northwest Pregnancy Center, originally located at St. Stephen's and now located on Ontario Road, N.W.

Virginia R. Eken

Virginia R. Eken died on February 25 at the age of 89. She had lived at the Bonwit Plaza on H Street since 1960. Her husband Mark died several years ago, and she had been ill for some time. Mrs. Eken was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, becoming a teacher after graduation from the University of Nebraska. Services were held at the National Cathedral.

26th Street Park Cleanup Set for April 26

The annual neighborhood cleanup of the 26th Street Park has been scheduled for Saturday, April 26, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The park is located between I and K Streets, and contains a playground, a pet area, and a "patio" area with plantings and benches.

Bob Vogt is again chairing the event, and invites nearby residents to come out for this community project. The Department of Parks and Recreation helps out with trash bags and tools; volunteers should bring gloves, brooms, shovels and other garden implements. The work period is followed by a picnic lunch with fellow cleanups.

In order to be prepared, a count is needed of those planning to help. Sign up via e-mail (nvogt@erols.com) or by calling 337-5528.

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Stories from the Snowy Time

By Ellie Becker

The city has been both applauded and excoriated for its response to the President's Day snowfall. Here in Foggy Bottom streets like Virginia Avenue had numerous plowing (nice for the commuters), but local streets, even those handling important local traffic, were ignored. An example was 24th Street which saw an ambulance called to St. Mary's Court unable to reach the senior citizen apartment building. Streets more residential never felt a plow's attention.

One resident, a petite woman on 26th Street, had just finished clearing paths to allow water to run to the catch basins (an important task to avoid icy pools and flooding). She said she was "outraged at the city's services," and felt residents might opt out of the District.

Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans gave the city an "A" for clearing the major arteries but a "C" for clearing residential streets. However, he gave an "F" to the National Park Service and to local embassies "for their disregard of basic 'good neighbor' rules

during snow." He plans a "snow summit" to emphasize "what their inaction does to [residents'] quality of life.

This writer agrees strongly with his grade on the embassies. During a fearsome walk on Massachusetts Avenue, several embassies appeared to have made no effort at all to do their duty. After knocking on several doors to ask about their "dereliction of duty," sadly there was neither remorse or willingness to conform to law. One bemoaned the fact that they had spent four days digging out their cars; another said it was not her job, etc., etc. I responded that I hoped she would not feel too too guilty if someone was killed because they had to walk in the street.

Trez Lee, after realizing that no snow measures at D.C. locations were reported, chose the southwest corner of 24th and M Streets for an "official" reading, coming up with 21.5 inches. As he noted in the West End Guide, the building formerly on that site made it an appropriate choice—the U. S. Weather Bureau station where "snow and rain accumulations were taken until 1941."

The first day of a snowfall, especially on a weekend, is a welcome sight, but most wish it would disappear by the next morning. What's left behind, this time for weeks, were the ugliest and dirtiest piles, many with beer cans and bottles resting on top. Ugly people and ugly snow.



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leave their squad cars and try to meet and talk with residents. The officers are also required to make a record of their efforts.

Homeowners and apartment dwellers should be prepared for these visits, but of course should require identification. Many residents all over the city have called for foot patrols and increased personal police-citizen contact. The latest initiative is part of MPD's community participation program.

Dorothy Miller, ANC-2A Chair, recently responded to a

letter from Ann Russell, director, Policing for Prevention, and ANC Liaison. Ms. Russell had inquired about the effectiveness of special PSA meetings in our area. Ms. Miller suggested that attendance by officers at ANC and Foggy Bottom Association meetings would satisfy the need for formal meetings with residents. Commander Jeffrey Moore of the 2nd District assured Commissioner Miller and FBA's Ellie Becker that his officers would attend those meetings.

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and seniors "to campus boundaries and beyond." It also reported that "an upper-classman housing option outside Foggy Bottom" 15 minutes from campus is being purchased.

The campus newspaper took GWU officials to task for their delay in planning for compliance with the plan's housing requirements. Stating that GW knew in late 2001

about the 70% rule, they "are only now planning to actually comply with the laws." While disagreeing with the Court's decision, the editors said: "The hubris of the University in assuming the courts would shoot down the BZA order pre-empted any sort of forward planning to meet the housing requirements," which now is causing "the current housing scramble."

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Holy Week and Easter are being marked by a variety of services in the churches located in Foggy Bottom. Their schedules are printed here for your convenience; the addresses and phone numbers are at the end of the list.

Palm Sunday, April 13

St. Mary 8:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist
 9:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms, St. Mary's Court
 11:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms, Procession and Holy Eucharist

Holy/Maundy Thursday, April 17

St. Mary 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
 Holy Eucharist
 United 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
 Western 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Communion

Good Friday, April 18

St. Mary 12:00-2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & Meditation
 2:00-3:00 p.m. Silence & Meditation
 United 12:00 noon Good Friday Services (German)
 1:00 p.m. Good Friday Services (English)
 Western 12:00 noon Ecumenical Service

Holy Saturday, April 19

St. Mary 7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 20

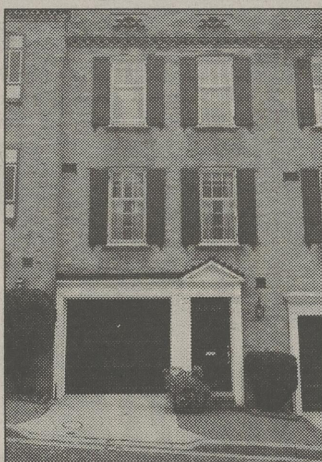
St. Mary 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 United 9:30 a.m. Easter Service (German)
 11:00 a.m. Easter Service (English)
 Western 8:30 a.m. Worship Down By the River
 11:00 a.m. Easter Worship

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 St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W. 337-2020*
 St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 785-0983*
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GWU Names Dr. John Williams New Provost

Dr. John "Skip" Williams has been named University provost and will be second in command to President Stephen J. Trachtenberg. Williams has been dean of GW's medical school and vice president for health affairs, posts he will retain. In this new position, Williams will handle the day-to-day administrative duties, especially when the president is away from the campus on fund-raising and other projects.

Dr. Williams is an anesthesiology professor and has been at the medical school since 1979. As part of his duties as provost, he will oversee the university's communications, governmental, international and corporate

affairs, but not academic affairs.

Announcements were also made of the promotions of Louis Katz to Executive Vice President and Treasurer; Donald Lehman Executive Vice President for academic affairs; and Robert Chernak as Senior Vice President for student and academic support services.

Dr. Williams indicated in an interview that GWU's president will be away from campus from two to four months a year, and even while in the city will be heavily involved with his position with the D.C. Chamber of Commerce. When asked how authority would be passed back and forth, the new provost explained that because of "an excellent management team the transition will be seamless." Dr. Williams told the News that he wants to reach out to the community, and introduce

more of his people to be available to be contacted about problems and to answer questions. "I'd like to strengthen the relationship so that we can agree to disagree on certain things, and that there are no surprises either way." Perhaps, the longtime GW official said, "we can put a bunch of issues on the table, and if we agree on 90% of them, let's just push them off the table and work on the 10%."

The decision-making for student enrollment and housing falls under two other members of the university hierarchy, specifically Donald Lehman and Robert Chernak. He promised to find out if one of these, most likely Mr. Chernak, could make any headway in correcting misbehavior of students in off-campus housing, specifically inappropriate noise, excessive drinking, unsightly trash and property damage.

DCDOT Seeks to Reduce Parking on Two Streets

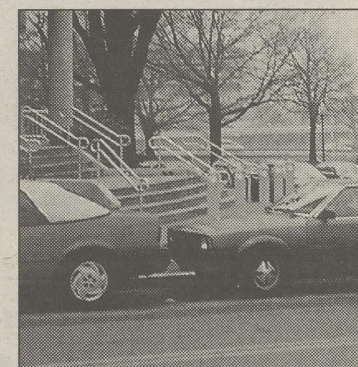
Requests to reduce parking on two Foggy Bottom Streets have been submitted to the D.C. Department of Transportation. Both will be discussed by ANC-2A at its meeting in April.

The first proposal is to remove the "Two Hour Parking, 7:00 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Monday-Friday" for two spaces on the west side of 24th Street, opposite the loading dock. GW requested it "to protect the hospital's new loading dock areas." DOT proposes to designate the area with "No Standing or Parking Anytime."

The second proposal is to designate for daytime diplomatic parking two spaces on L Street and

one on 26th Street which abut the Egyptian Defense Ministry and its adjacent apartment building. At present holders of Zone 2 permits can use the spaces. This ban has been requested by the Department of State to accommodate the Egyptian Defense Ministry and its adjacent apartment building, even though the building has a parking garage.

According to Michael Miller of DDOT, they plan to put meters on the rest of the spaces on L Street. He also stated that the parking spaces on 24th Street should not have been allowed due to the proximity to a stop sign.



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Foggy Bottom Folks

Fr. Val Keveny's pre-Lenten pancake breakfast at St. Stephen Martyr Church drew its usual almost-overflow crowd, and kept him cooking pancakes, eggs, sausage and the trimmings until well into the afternoon. Many who came were regular parishioners, but it drew some residents of distant communities as well. From Glover Park came **Joan Semmig** and **Mary Duryee**, and from Arlington **Grace C. Sims**. They were seated with longtime St. Stephen parishioners **Isabella Geppert** and **Paul Konopka**.

Tis the season for new restaurants in FB/WE. **McFadden's**, at 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, opened its cocktail lounge on March 13 and welcomed a large contingent of fans. The restaurant's



opening was, appropriately, on March 17 just in time to do some Irish celebrating. The layout will differ from that of the former tenant, with a cozy—and quiet—lounge on the street level, in deference to the nearby apartment building lobby. Joining their facilities in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, **McFadden's** plans are for contemporary American cuisine, **Chef Ryan Jedrey** told the News. The manager is **Sean Barrett**, and **Tamson Sloan**, one of the bartenders, was my guide as workmen

and delivery personnel scurried to get the place ready. The cuisine will not reflect the Irish name, but it may be recognized at the bar, we were told.

A proud **Jameson Blankenship** led a tour of **Nectar**, opening in early April in The GWU Inn on New Hampshire Avenue. The facility which formerly housed the Zuki Moon, will seat about 42, feature new American cuisine, with appetizers from \$7-14 and entrees \$18-24. Fresh fish, some from Maine, will constitute about 60% of the menu, which will consist of six appetizers, six entrees, and six desserts. An added feature is a cheese cart, and the wine list of 20 will be available by the glass. The restaurant's director is **Jarad Slipp**.

Also about to open—or reopen—is the restaurant in the **River Inn** on 25th Street, to be named **Dish**. More on that later.

It's sad, however, to report the closing of **Kaffe de Cafe** at 22nd and K Streets. It always seemed like such a comfortable and welcoming spot.

Doug Brown and **Mark Hood** are new managers at the Melrose Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue. Both are from the company headquarters in Dallas, and are especially interested in getting better acquainted with the Foggy Bottom community. (The

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since November 2001, following positions in a variety of D.C. government agencies. Among them were Office of Contracting and Purchasing and the departments of Health, Human Services and Fire & Emergency Medical Services. Earlier he was Staff Director for the City Council Committee on Human Services and Chief of Staff to former Councilmember H. R. Crawford.

A resident of southwest D.C., he attended Cathedral Latin and St. Anthony's high

schools, the University of Scranton and Penn State's Dickinson School of Law.

The meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Also at the meeting will be Lt. David Hutchinson of MPD's Second District who will distribute the new "Family Preparedness" brochure. Following the meeting the Melrose has planned a small reception for attendees. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

hotel currently hosts FBA meetings as well as occasional ANC meetings.) Brown is planning a small reception for FBA members after the March 31 FBA meeting. He is also planning a reopening of the hotel's **Landmark Restaurant** at dinnertime, with a brand new menu.

Coming home early in April from Lesotho in Africa for a visit is **Annmarie Emmet** who has been serving in the Peace Corps. She lived on Queen Anne's Lane and

for many, many years was one of the busiest and most faithful of volunteers at Columbia Hospital for Women.

A Columbia Plaza resident, **Electra Zolotas-Anest**, is the chair of the Annual First Lady's Cherry Blossom Luncheon on April 1, being held at the Marriott Metro Center. Perhaps her interest in the festival began when she was a Cherry Blossom princess from Vermont. To learn more about the annual event, call 1-800-494-8497.

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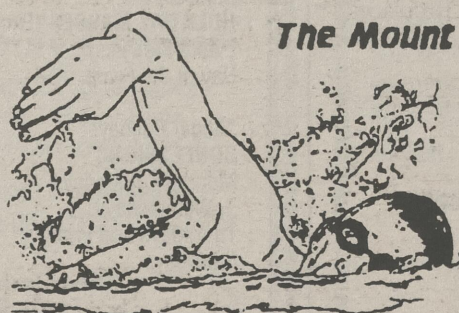
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Membership has other rewards as well, allowing members to save money at six restaurants, a hotel, clothing, tailoring and dry cleaning shops, two hair salons, two wine/beverage stores, and one optical, one watch, and one flower shop. And the Gelman Library at GW will admit those with FBA membership cards plus IDs (but no borrowing privileges).

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Tiverton residents are seen participating in some old-fashioned "stoop-sitting" in the spring sun on the steps of their apartment building home. They are Cecelia Cumberland who hails from West Virginia, and Tony Magwood, who claims to be a bona fide D.C. native.

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Tiverton Resident Questions Project

The vice president of the Tiverton/Square 37 Tenants Association posted an article on the Foggy Bottom Alert web-site describing her building as the "Last Bastion of Affordable Housing" in the West End and alerting neighbors to its possible destruction. Deborah Akel described the tenants as a "cross-section of folks" of low-to-middle income status whose homes may be lost to luxury housing. There are plans to rezone for higher density the southern half of that square, which also houses the West End Library.

Toward the end of her message was a paragraph about the Columbia Hospital project just across the street. FB resident and FBA Board member Ed Gable responded that her statement that the historic building "will fall to the wrecking ball" was not accurate. While some of the hospital structures will be razed, the original portion will not only be saved but restored by Trammell Crow, at a great deal of expense, to its original design.

Gable further explained that the developer's \$3.5 million contribution to a defense and improvement trust will benefit the neighborhood and will not have the negative impact implied in her statement.

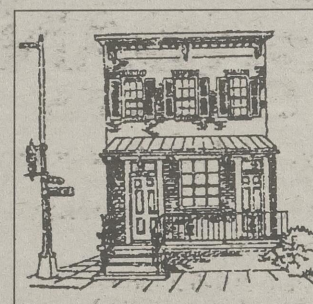
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Check Out Old and New at WEL

The newly reopened West End Library is a welcome sight and has again become a neighborhood gathering place. Head Librarian Barbara Kubinski is back to stay (hopefully for a long time), and the familiar faces of Susan Williams and Anthony Hook are once again in view. New to the branch is April King, Youth Services Librarian, and Custodian Michael Barnes. Among other things, patrons will discover or have discovered that the old "in" door is now the "out" door; bright new colors are seen on the furniture, walls and in the carpeting, and there is a longer book circulation period (three weeks). Unfortunately, the library's open hours are fewer (it is closed on Fridays and on Monday and Wednesday mornings). There are evening hours on Monday and Wednesday—open until 9:00 p.m.*

The library's new "Youth Zone" has events planned for the younger generation. On Tuesdays from 10:00 to 10:30 preschool films will be shown, followed by a preschool story-hour from 10:45 to 11:15. From 10:30 to 11:00 on Thursday, a preschool program will be held, and so the smallest ones are not excluded, on Saturday from 10:00-11:00 the Zone will host BabyTime for ages 1 to 2. Who says a library has to be quiet all the time?



Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, March 31: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Ronald R. Collins, Director, Office of Boards and Commissions, Executive Office of the Mayor. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents welcome. 7:30 p.m. A reception at approximately 9:00 p.m. by the Melrose Hotel will follow the meeting.*

Wednesday, April 2: Spectacular Evening of Spanish Dance with Ziva's Spanish Dance Ensemble. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.**

Thursday, April 3: Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series presents Jewell Parker Rhodes, author and creative writing and American literature teacher at Arizona State University. Marvin Center, 3rd Floor Amphitheater, 800 21st Street, N.W. 994-6180. 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 4: Recital featuring voice students from George Washington University. 331-1495. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 6: Farewell Concert by Stephen Ackert, organist who has been with United for 13 years. 331-1495. Free will offering requested. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

Monday, April 7: Daryl Roth, accomplished theatrical producer, in dialog with Molly Smith, Artistic Director of Arena Stage. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday-Saturday, April 9-12: Danceworks, a concert featuring choreography by guest artists, students and GW faculty, presented by the GWU Department of Theatre and Dance. 994-6178. \$10 from 432-SEAT. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14: Classical Music of Persia, performed by The Chakavak Ensemble, led by Nader Majd. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$15; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, April 15: "The Best of Landscape Architecture," with landscape architect Laurie Olin discussing, with slides, several collaborations with architect Frank Gehry. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$15; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17: The regular Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission meeting is being rescheduled to avoid Passover. Call 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21: An Evening with Michael Kahn, Artistic Director, the Shakespeare Theatre, in dialog with Shakespearean actor Wallace Acton. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday-Sunday, April 23-27: "Ruddigore" by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, presented by GWU Theatre & Dance and Music departments. 994-6178. Tickets: 432-SEAT. 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 26: Annual 26th Street Park Cleanup. Sign up via e-mail (nvogt@erols.com) or by calling 337-5528. (Rain date Monday, April 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m.) 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon followed by picnic lunch.

*See article elsewhere in this issue.

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allowed to use the facility:

- Persons who live and work in the Foggy Bottom/West End area.
- University alumni.
- Guests of the above members.
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They also requested that students, faculty and staff from other campuses (Mount Vernon, northern Virginia, etc.) be allowed to become members.

The Foggy Bottom/West End ANC testified against the proposal, as did the Foggy Bottom Association. Concerns included more pedestrian noise late at night and substantial traffic increases should the large number of new users be allowed. It was also opposed by a group representing local sports clubs alleging unfair competition from a non-profit and tax-exempt facility (which was also built using D.C. industrial revenue bonds).

The proposal received support from St. Mary's Court, School Without Walls, and several residents who hoped to join as members.

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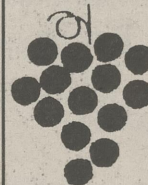
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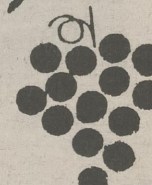
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